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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652 GDS

TAGS OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT SECVISIT: MIDDLE EAST NEOGTIATIONS

1. FAHMY ASKED ME TO COME TO HIS BEACH HOUSE THIS MORNING FOR A TALK. HE WAS STILL IN A RATHER FEISTY MOOD AND CLAIMED GAMASY IS ALSO STILL UPSET THAT DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANT MILITARY MATTERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DELAYED UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE AND THEN RUSHED THROUGH. FAHMY SAID HE HAD DELIBERATELY WANTED GAMSU AND HIS TWO ASSOCIATES TO GET INTO THE ACT SO THAT THEY WOULD FEEL THEIR VIEWS ARE AT LEAST BEING ADEQUATELY CONSIDERED. HE ASKED IF THE PROMISED ANNEX REVISIONS HAD ARRIVED FOR GAMASY. I TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAVE NOT AND EXPLAINED THAT THIS MEANT THEY ARE STILL UNDER INTENSIVE DISCUSSION. HE GRUMBLED THAT THIS WAS CERTAIN TO UPSET GAMASY AGAIN. FAHMY WAS IN A PESSIMISTIC MOOD ABOUT PROSPECTS OF ARRIVING AT AN ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT.

2. FAHMY'S MAIN PURPOSE IN ASKING ME OVER, HOWEVER, TURNED OUT TO BE A REQUEST FOR A SERIES OF WHAT HE
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CLAIMS ARE PROMISED LETTERS FROM US AS PART OF THE

AGREEMENT PACKAGE OR ARISING THEREFROM. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH YOU THE FOLLOWING LETTERS:

A. ONE ON SYRIA;

B. ONE ON PALESTINE;

C. ONE ON NON-DESTRUCTION OF SINAI PROPERTY AND NO CHANGES IN SINAI'S DEMOGRAPHY (THE TWO PAPERS HE GAVE US THE OTHER DAY AND WHICH JOE SISCO HAS);

D. A LETTER STATING THAT WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT USE THE VETO IN UNSC AGAINST ANY EGYPTIAN SPONSORED OR ACCEPTED RESOLUTION. (HE ARGUED THAT HE NEEDS THIS BECAUSE, AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, HE HAS LOST ANY CHANCE FOR A SOVIET OR CHINESE VETO);

E. A LETTER TO VETO ANY RESOLUTION IN UNSC THAT HURT EGYPT (HIS RATIONALE WAS THE SAME AS THE LETTER CITED IN PARAGRAPH D).

F. A LETTER STATING WE WILL NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES TO ISRAEL TO STAND BY THE ISRAELIS IF THEY LAUNCH AN ATTACK ON ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

3. FAHMY ALSO ASKED FOR A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD STATING THAT HE WILL WORK TO GET THE ISRAELIS BACK TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY IN THE SINAI. HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD SAID THIS TO PRESIDENT SADAT AT THEIR FIRST MEETING IN SALZBURG, BUT SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS IN WRITING.

4. IN ADDITION, HE WOULD LIKE A LETTER FROM YOU REAFFIRMING THE ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH IN THE RECENT EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRESIDENT FORD. WHEN I ASKED WHY HE FELT THIS WOULD BE NECESSARY, HE CONTENDED THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH IN THE PRESIDENTIAL EXCHANGE RECONFIRMED AT THE SECRET

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FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL.

5. FAHMY ALSO ASKED THAT HE BE SHOWN EVERY ASSURANCE WE GAVE TO ISRAEL BECAUSE EVERY SUCH ASSURANCE IS IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER DAMAGING TO EGYPT. HE WAS ASKING FOR THIS NOT FOR PURPOSES OF LEAKAGE, BUT SOLELY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AND HIS OWN INFORMATION SO THAT THEY WILL NOT BE

CAUGHT SHORT IF THE ISRAELIS PUBLICIZE SOME OF THE ALLEGED PROMISES. FAHMY ADDED THAT IF WE DO NOT GIVE THE ISRAELIS ASSURANCES SIMILAR TO THOSE HE HAD REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE, THEN HE WILL DROP HIS REQUEST FOR SUCH LETTERS FROM US.

6. FINALLY, FAHMY ASKED FOR LETTERS ON A NUMBER OF BILATERAL MATTERS, SPECIFICALLY:

A. THE "PROMISED" SIX C-130S;

B. WILLINGNESS ON OUR PART OT SELL DEFENSIVE WEAPONS TO EGYPT, E.G. THE TOW;

C. THE ONE MILLION TONS OF PL-480 WHEAT.

7. I TOLD FAHMY THAT IT WAS NOT MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ALL THE LETTERS HE WAS NOW REQUESTING. HE CLAIMED THAT EACH OF THEM REPRESENTED AN UNDERSTANDING ARRIVED AT AT A PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH YOU AND THAT IT WAS REASONABLE TO ASK FOR THEM IN WRITING. I AGREED TO PASS THE ABOVE ON TO YOU, BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO GIVE HIM SOME OF THESE LETTERS. THE COMMON STRATEGY THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK OUT MUST DEPEND IN PART UPON MUTUAL GOOD FAITH RATHER THAN WRITTEN STATEMENTS.
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